

Building a Quality Arizona
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#### Mission

■ The mission of the Highway Patrol Division is to ensure the safe and expeditious use of the highway transportation system for the public and to provide assistance to local and county law enforcement agencies. The division also provides services and enforcement in commercial motor vehicle, tow truck, school bus enforcement and safety programs and is responsible for the air rescue and aviation services for the Department

# Highway Emergencies

- Freeway Service Patrol:
  FY 2006 / 135,186 Motorist Assists
- DPS Freeway Operations Manual
- Field Training
- Roll Call Training
- Training in task oriented scene management
   Officer and supervisor level

### **Collisions**

Collisions investigated by DPS:
FY 2006 / 33,004



■ Commercial Vehicle Collisions:

36% increase between 2004 and 2005 / CVEB targets high collision areas each month with special enforcement details / Bureau conducted 30,000 driver/vehicle inspections in 2006

# Incident Management

- FEMA National Incident Management System: 2006 all HP officers completed this course
- DPS Incident Command System:
   Tool for command, control & coordination of response to incidents
- Public Safety Communications Commission:
   Promote real-time, interoperable communications between agencies

#### Clearance

 Road Closure Debriefing Reports:
 Half the traffic lanes / More than 3 hours / Goal: reduce road closures

■ Staff Studies:

"Reduction of Investigation Time During Collision Related Road Closures" / "A Comp Stat Approach to Reducing Traffic Fatalities and Injury-Related Collisions"

#### Clearance

- Close-range Photogrammetry:
  - Reduces on-scene mapping by 50 percent
- Statewide Alternate Route Plan / DOT & DPS
- Vehicular Crimes Unit
- Strategic Plan
  - Reducing collision and fatality rates / Focusing enforcement efforts / Minimizing traffic delays resulting from unexpected road closures

- The National Law Enforcement Challenge:

  Designed to encourage departments to step up enforcement in the target areas of impaired driving, occupant protection, and speed enforcement / 2005 1st Place / 2006 2nd Place
- Seat Belt Usage:
  - Arizona's safety belt usage compliance rate to one of the nations highest at 94.4%.

■ Aggressive Driver Program:

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Longest running program in the country / 42 unmarked cars / scheduled each week / zero tolerance
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■ Tan Day Program:

Additional personnel in the field on holidays, weekends and special details

Child Passenger Safety Technicians:

49 NHTSA certified statewide

- Multi-agency DUI Task Forces
- Operation Maximum Impact:

Phoenix metro / Zero-Tolerance for collision causing violations / Reduction of response time to collisions and disabled motorists / Immediate removal of all collisions and hazards from the roadway.

■ Ten Mile Details:

Major Holiday weekends / Interstates 10; 8; 19 / Goal is to reduce collisions related to speed, aggressive driving, driving drowsy, driving impaired / based on collision statistics

HOV Lanes

# Workgroups

- Operation Safe & Secure Trucks Across Arizona:
- Operation Road Check:

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration / ADOT Motor Vehicle Division

- DOT / DPS:
  ALERT Teams
- Governor's Emergency Preparedness
   Oversight Council:
   Mass Evacuation Working Group

# Workgroups

- MAG / PAG
- AZTECH

Advanced Traveler Information System / Computer Aided Dispatch / 511 System

### **Committees**

- DOT / DPS Scene Clearance Committee:
   Tow Company Association / Goal: open the road as quickly as possible
- Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council:
   Deals with specific traffic safety issues
- Strategic Highway Safety Plan:
   Framework for reducing highway fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads

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